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### **LA CIMA TEACHER PLEADS TO FIREARMS CHARGES**

**TUCSON, ARIZONA** – U.S. Attorney José de Jesus Rivera announced that **KATHLEEN ANNETTE MORRIS** pleaded guilty to one count of Possession of a Stolen Firearm. Additional fraud charges are pending in Pima County.

Kathleen Morris was charged in connection with the April 10, 2000, shooting at La Cima Middle School. Ms. Morris, a La Cima teacher, self-inflicted herself with a gunshot wound and then claimed that the school failed to provide adequate security.

Sentencing is set for April 13, 2001 in front of United States District Court Judge Frank R. Zapata. The maximum penalty for Possession of a Stolen Firearm is ten years.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Pima County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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